

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present patent application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-7 and 9-19 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Claims 7, 9, 14 and 17 have been amended.

I. §112 Rejections:

Claim 9 has been rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. By this amendment, claim 9 has been amended for clarity. Applicants have also made the required editorial changes to claims 14 and 17. As such, Applicants believe that the §112 rejections have been resolved. Furthermore, Applicants are uncertain as to the objection to Paragraph 017, as referenced in the Office Action. Applicant would agree to such a change, however it could not be located in the specification in order to make the appropriate amendment.

II. Allowed Subject Matter:

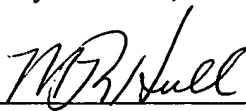
Claims 1-7 and 10-19 were indicated as allowed.

III. Conclusion:

Based on the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicant believes that all of the claims in this case are now in condition for allowance and an indication to that effect is respectfully requested. Furthermore, if the Examiner believes that additional discussions or information might advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner should feel free to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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